

# Westford Recycling Commission (WRC)



## Westford Residents' Recycling Tutorial

### Where can I find information on recycling in Westford?

For all things recycling, visit the WRC website: [westfordma.gov/recycling](http://westfordma.gov/recycling) and/or download a copy of our [Westford Recycling Guide](#).

**What is the [Westford Mandatory Recycling and Trash Pickup Policy](#)?** This document highlights the reasons for and provides additional detail to Westford's mandatory recycling and trash pickup policy.

### What if I have a general recycling question?

Please call Ellen at 978-692-2039 or the contact listed on the Westford Recycling Commission home page.

### What if I have a specific complaint about my trash or recycling pickup?

Call Acme Waste (trash) at 781-935-6339 or Integrated Paper (recycling) at 781-933-3013.

### What is the frequency of trash and recycling pickup?

Trash is picked up weekly and recycling is picked up every other week on the same day as your trash pickup.

### What day is trash and recycling picked up on my street?

Simply search for your street on our WRC website: [Trash & Recycling Routes by Street Name](#).

### How do I know which weeks my recycling is picked up?

Recycling pickups are every other week and are determined by the color – blue or green – that is assigned to your street. Streets coded in blue are picked up one week. Streets coded in green are picked up the next week, and so on, alternating pickup weeks for blue and green streets. To determine whether your street is coded blue or green, please review: [Trash & Recycling Routes by Street Name](#).

### How do I find out which week of the month is blue and which is green?

The color blue or green indicating the current pickup week is posted on the left side of the home page and in the [Westford Recycling Guide](#).

### What happens to pickups on holidays?

See [Westford Recycling Guide](#) for schedule. Following a holiday, collections are one day later than usual on that week.

### What kind of recycling container can I use?

There are several options for recycling containers described on our website: [Recycling Bins - Toters](#).

### Can I put my recyclables in plastic bags for collection?

No. Plastic bags will jam the recycling sorting machines.

### What can I recycle?

All paper, cardboard, cans, bottles, and plastic with a recycling symbol (not Styrofoam). No need to sort. The [Westford Recycling Guide](#) is updated annually and mailed to every resident by June 30. It includes basic recycling information, the Curbside Collection Calendar with exceptions for holidays, Special Collection Events, What to Recycle, and contacts. Print or bookmark the [Westford Recycling Guide](#) for handy reference.

**What about other stuff for reuse or recycling that is not picked up in recycling containers?**

The WRC website has a comprehensive list for recycling and reuse of most everything listed at: [How to Recycle Everything Else](#).

**What if I want to compost?**

Great! It reduces trash tonnage. Refer to [Home Composting with an Earth Machine](#).

**Why is it important to reduce, reuse, and recycle in Westford?**

It saves money. Westford pays about \$70/ton of trash that is taken to the incinerator, over and above the trash collection contract fee. Recycling tonnage is unlimited; it does not incur an extra charge.

**The Westford Recycling Commission thanks you for reducing, reusing, and recycling!**